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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a one-count Information ¹ against Theresa A. Cardamone, charging her with the theft of government money, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641. According to the charges, defendant Cardamone knowingly converted to her own use approximately \$32,869 in Social Security widow's benefit payments that were intended for an individual identified as "CMJ," who was deceased, and which defendant Cardamone knew she was not entitled to receive.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Theresa A. Cardamone	Philadelphia, PA	47

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of ten years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Robert W. Flynn.

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